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## TOOK BIG JUMP.

### Salt Mackerel Reach Top Notch Price of Season.

#### All the Small Fares Now Cleaned Up at High Figures.

The fare of sch. J. W. Bradley sold to Fred Bradley at \$24 per barrel for medium and \$12 per barrel for tinkers.

The fares of schs. Good Luck and Norma sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Co. for a lump sum.

The fares of schs. Harvard and Mary E. Harty sold to William H. Jordan & Co.

The fare of sch. Cynthia sold to Harvey C. Smith for a lump sum.

The fare of sch. Robin Hood sold to Stanwood & Co.

The fare of sch. Romance sold to Fred Bradley for a lump sum, \$756.

The price on the fare of sch. J. W. Bradley is the highest of the season for a straight out and out purchase by the barrel, but the fare of sch. Romance, 29 barrels, nine barrels of large, 18 barrels of medium and 2 barrels of tinkers, was at the rate of \$31 per barrel for large, \$25 per barrel for medium and \$13 per barrel for tinkers. This is far and away the highest price of the season on all grades.

The following netters were at Portland yesterday:

Sch. Robert C. Harris, 250 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mary E. Smith, 200 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 200 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Fannie Hayden, 600 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Dixie, 200 lbs. fresh mackerel.

At Boston yesterday 125 barrels of large fresh mackerel were received by steamer and were sold for 25 cents per fish.

#### STEAMER ON A ROCK.

### Sch. Mohawk Touched in Inner Harbor Yesterday Afternoon.

The steamer Mohawk, which plies between Boston and Eastport and stops here about every trip, came in yesterday afternoon and landed some cured fish. In getting away from Pew's wharf, she bid up on a rock near Five Pound island and hung there and the tugs pulled on her in vain. The craft waited until the tide arose when she floated apparently without damage and proceeded.

#### BANK COD GO UP.

### Fare of Sch. American Brings a Good Advance.

The fare of salt bank cod of sch. American sold to Sylvanus Smith & Co. at \$3.50 per hundred weight for large, \$2.62 1-2 for medium and \$1.75 for hake, haddock and snappers. This is the highest price paid for a fare of salt bank cod this season.

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#### MONSTER SWORDFISH.

### Largest One of the Season Landed at T Wharf.

The largest swordfish of the season was landed at T wharf this morning. It came from the sloop Marion and weighed 630 pounds. This beats the big fish which was sent to T wharf from Rockport a week or so ago and weighed 625 pounds and came close to the biggest fish of recent years, which was shipped to Boston from Boothbay Harbor a few seasons ago and weighed 647 pounds.

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#### HARD STRUGGLE.

### Monster Swordfish Gives Two Fishermen a Long Tow.

Two members of the crew of the little sloop Marian of this port had a hard struggle Wednesday with a gigantic swordfish, which dragged their dory through the water at a furious pace, nearly capsizing it, and exposing the occupants to very grave danger.

The sloop sailed from Boston Tuesday and had not proceeded far out to sea when the large fish was discovered asleep on the surface. Launching a dory, two of the crew approached the monster without disturbing his slumber. When within a few yards the harpoon was cast and the startled and wounded fish started off at top speed, making the boat skim the waves like a toy ship in a tornado. But the strain on his vitals could not be borne long, and the giant of the deep was finally worn out, towed to the sloop and hoisted aboard.

The capture weighed over 600 pounds. Another swordfish, weighing 475 pounds, was captured less than an hour afterward.

The prizes brought 10 cents a pound and made each member of the crew richer by \$20 for their two days' work.

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#### FITTING FOR WEAKFISHING.

### Sch. Mary E. Harty Getting Ready for a Southern Trip.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Reuben Cameron, is now fitting for a weakfishing trip to the southern waters, along the coast of New Jersey. Last year Capt. Cameron tried this business, being the pioneer from this port in this kind of fishing. The vessel will market her fares at Fulton market, New York, and will carry her seine the same as in mackerel fishing.

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#### DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

##### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Grace Choate, shore.

Sch. Reliance, shore.

Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, shore.

Sch. Viking, shore.

Sch. Atlanta, Bacalieu Bank, 40,000 lbs. halibut, 9000 lbs. flitched halibut.

Sch. Cavalier, Bacalieu Bank.

Sch. Corsair, seining, 90 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. A. T. Gifford, Georges, 24,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Lillian, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Thomas S. South Channel, 150,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Saladin, seining, 30 bbls. salt mackerel, 2 bbls. fresh mackerel.

##### Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Splitting prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.37 1-2; haddock, \$1.00; cusk, \$1.50; hake, \$1.05; pollock, 65 cts.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$4.25 per cwt. for large, \$3.25 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$3.50 for large, \$2.62 1-2 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.25.

Salt haddock, \$1.75.

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Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt "drift" cusk, \$2.00.

Salt pollock, \$1.50.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$3.25 for large, \$2.37 1-2 for medium.

Large salt "drift" Georges codfish, \$3.75 medium do., \$2.75.

Bank halibut, 8 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 6 1-2 cts. per lb. for gray.

Large salt mackerel, \$31 per bbl.

Salt medium mackerel, \$25 per bbl.

Salt tinker mackerel, \$13 per bbl.

Fresh medium mackerel, 15 1-2 cts. each.

Fresh tinker mackerel, 3 cts. each.

Large fresh mackerel, 20 cts. each.

#### Boston.

Sch. Mattie Brundage, 16,000 cod.

Sch. Electric Flash, 6000 fresh medium and tinker mackerel, 11 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 90,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4 swordfish.

Sch. Mary Emerson, 3500 fresh medium and tinker mackerel.

Sch. James A. Garfield, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Quonnapowit, 18,000 salt cod, 7000 fresh cod.

Sch. Georgianna, 12,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 6000 hake.

Haddock, \$1.25 to \$1.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$1.15; swordfish, 9 cts. per lb.; fresh medium mackerel, 11 and 13 cts. each; fresh tinker mackerel, 5 and 6 cts. each.

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Lizzie Griffin of Orland, Me., arrived at her home port a few days ago, from a salt bank dory handlining trip, with a fare of 251,000 pounds of salt cod.

#### Mackerel News.

There are two mackerel trips at Boston today, sch. Electric Flash, Capt. Samuel Keat, being there with 6000 fresh medium and tinker mackerel, and sch. Mary Emerson, Capt. Nelson, with 3500 fresh mediums and tinkers. The fish sold at from 11 to 14 cents for mediums and from 5 to 6 cents for tinkers.

The Clark's Harbor Coast Guard says:

"Some views of Capt. J. E. Brown on mackerel migration are original and likely enough. He says the schools last year were traced no farther than Cape North, not showing up at all in the bay. This season they dodged the seiners of Scatteri and thereabouts strangely disappearing from sight.

"Then came uncommonly large catches along Queens and St. Margaret's Bay, the biggest kind of fish and seeming there to stay. The five traps at Western Head were full nearly all the time and some mackerel from them which he examined had just spawned. He concludes that a change of spawning ground is taking place to our waters, instead of the Bay and Labrador. He may be right."

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#### Mackerel News.

The fare of sch. Lizzie M. Stanley sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Co. for a lump sum.

The fare of sch. Terra Nova sold to Fred Bradley for \$24 per barrel.

Several of the seining fleet have arrived since Saturday and all with very small trips. Several of the crafts will now abandon the fishery. They have cruised all over the Bay of Fundy, have been to the Rips and scoured every part of Georges and found not a sign of mackerel, but met lots of albacores.



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## HELD UP BY MEXICANS.

### Galveston Fishing Smack Searched by Gunboat.

#### Armed Marines Order Captain to Show His Papers.

The American fishing smack Hatteras, belonging to the Gulf Fishery Company of Galveston, reached her home port Friday from Mexican waters, where her commander states he was held up by a Mexican gunboat August 25 while seven miles off the triangular reef in the middle of the Gulf of Campeche.

Armed Mexican marines boarded the American boat and ordered the captain to show his papers and also to open his hatches and display part of his cargo of fish which had been caught in the open sea on the passage down to the banks for a full cargo.

The Hatteras is one of the fleet of handsome little fishing craft, built here and at Essex, and all fitted out at this port for the Gulf Fisheries Co. of Galveston. Three others of the same fleet, all well known here, were seized recently by the Mexicans and their crews thrown into prison, but afterward released. The Hatteras sailed from here two seasons ago, for her home port under command of Capt. Gustaf Schybergson of this city, who is still fishing out there, although not in command of the Hatteras.

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#### WHALE LOST IN ARCTIC.

New Bedford Mass., Sept. 10.—The news of the loss of the San Francisco whaling schooner Alexander in the Arctic was received here in a telegram from Captain Tilton, commander of the vessel, to his wife, who is a resident of this city. The telegram gave no details further than saying that the crew was safe. The Alexander, although hailing from San Francisco, was manned by a crew of New England whalers.

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#### Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Cavalier sold to the American Halibut Company and that of sch. Atalanta sold to the New England Fish Co., both at 7 1-2 and 5 1-2 cents per pound for white and gray.

#### Advance of Handline Georges Cod.

The fare of handline Georges salt codfish sold this morning to Lane & Smith at \$4.50 per hundred weight for large and \$3.50 for mediums, an advance of 25 cents all around from last sales.

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#### Big Trips.

Sch. Pauline, Capt. Patrick Vale, arrived here yesterday from Georges with the largest Georges handline trip for some time, the craft having 45,000 lbs. of salt cod and 10,000 pounds of fresh cod.

Sch. Onato, Capt. Henry Larkin, arrived yesterday morning from the southeast part of Georges, with one of the largest shack trips of the season, 160,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly haddock.

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## MR. ALEXANDER HERE.

### Making Final Preparations for His Trip to Newfoundland.

#### Towboat Potomac Will Arrive Here This Week.

Mr. A. B. Alexander, one of the division chiefs of the bureau of fisheries, who has been chosen to represent the state department on the Treaty Coast of Newfoundland the coming herring season and who will have for his use the government tug Potomac, under command of Lieut. Hines, arrived here yesterday from Washington, and will put in a few days making the final arrangements for the trip. The Potomac, which is at Portsmouth, making ready for the trip, will be here in a few days and it is expected that a start will be made the last of this week.

In regard to his mission, Mr. Alexander said that there was nothing which could be said at this time. His instructions were very full and complete and, of necessity, secret. He should stay here a few days completing his arrangements and should sail as soon as possible. He was anticipating no trouble and hoped the mission of the Potomac would be as successful as that of the Grampus last winter.

On this mission Mr. Alexander will represent the state department and will make his reports direct to it. It is also understood that the mission of Mr. Alexander is not unknown to President Roosevelt and that the latter has given the matter his personal consideration.

For the first time since differences existed, the American fishing vessels will go to the Treaty Coast with a clear understanding of their rights and also with the understanding of the position of the state department. How the matter will be viewed by Newfoundland, or rather, by Sir Robert Bond and his party, is not known, but no serious trouble is anticipated by the owners or masters of vessels now fitting out.

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Sch. Elmer E. Gray, Burgeo Bank, 25,000 lbs. halibut, 10,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Admiral Dewey, Bacalien Bank, 30,000 lbs. halibut, 3000 lbs. salt cod, 5000 lbs. flitch halibut.  
Sch. Francis P. Mesquita, via Boston, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Victor, seining, 10 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Annie Greenlaw, seining, 30 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Ralph L. Hall, seining.  
Sch. Metamora, seining.  
Sch. Lucania, seining, 23 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Priscilla Smith, seining, 11 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Monitor, seining, 2 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Braganza, shore.  
Sch. Aetor, pollocking.  
Sch. Mina Swim, Rips, 55,000 lbs. salt cod.

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#### Boston.

Sch. Mary E. Stone, 300 haddock, 700 cod.

Sch. J. F. McMorro, 1700 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Charles W. Parker, 48 swordfish.

Sch. Hortense, for bait and ice.

Sch. Grace Otis, 23,000 cod.

Sch. Louise Polleys, 12,000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Louise R. Silva.

Sch. Agnes V. Gleason, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Tartar, 11,000 haddock, 27,000 cod.

Sch. Benj. F. Phillips, 50,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 12,000 hake.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 60,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 1000 hake, 8 swordfish.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 17 swordfish.

Sch. Thos. Brundage, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Mary Emerson, 2000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Apponattox, 13,000 cod.

Sch. Spray, 36,000 haddock, 26,000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Fish Hawk, 9000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Mary Edith, 45,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Cosmos, 500 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Gladys and Sabra, 22,000 cod.

Sch. Hope, 19,000 cod.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$3; large cod, \$4 to \$4.50; market cod, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hake, \$1.50 to \$3; pollock, \$2.25 to \$2.50; fresh medium mackerel, 12 cts. each; fresh tinker mackerel, 6 cts. each; swordfish, 10 1-2 cts. per lb.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch, will now abandon the mackerel fishery and fit for haddock.

Sch. Metamora, Capt. John Robbins, will now abandon the mackerel fishery and fit for haddock.

Sch. Norma, Capt. Benjamin McGray, is fitting for a herring trip to the Treaty coast of Newfoundland. She carries a regular seining equipment, seines, boat, etc., and will also take nets.

There is every prospect now of a large and early fleet to go to the treaty coast of Newfoundland for herring fares.

Sch. Lorna Doone has abandoned the Georges halibut fishery and has fitted for Georges handlining.

The flitch halibuter, Oregon, Capt. Albert Flygore of this port, is bound home from the northern fishing grounds with a fair trip.